

# You stay in your lane and I'll stay in mine (and the GLI should stay in its)

One of the largest points of consensus of the Sentry II staff (and, we believe, the rest of the student body, for that matter) is that there are way too many required yet unnecessary GLI (Global Leadership Institute) forums. In the past we have yelled, screamed, and gnashed our teeth at this, but here we would like to offer a pair of solutions to the “forum problem.”

The most obvious (and probably best) way to fix the problem with forums is to make them all optional. This would allow students who are interested in the topic of the forum to attend. Those who are not interested wouldn't lose an activity period or lunch. Furthermore, smaller forums with fewer people would be more intimate for those who attend. The only “problem” with this solution is that a speaker might have no audience at all, and the school would have wasted its money. Our response is that if the only way that the school can get students to listen to a speaker is to force them to attend the forum, the speaker shouldn't have been invited in the first place.

Our second solution is that the school should have fewer forums and a

smaller GLI program. The GLI is everywhere at Prep. Advisory is not once but twice every week, with our advisors armed with GLI discussion topics. GLI forums are peppered constantly all throughout the year. GLI breakfasts have students come early to listen to special GLI speakers. Juniors are required to go through a GLI garage sale and are encouraged to do GLI M.A.D. (Make A Difference) projects. Freshmen must go to monthly GLI leadership huddles and go to a special GLI leadership retreat. Sophomores take a GLI personality test. And the GLI quote of the week is at the bottom of the school announcements, which are sent out every single day.

Although correlation is not necessarily causation, the growth of the presence of the GLI seems to correlate with a general distaste for the entire GLI program. In fact, we in *The Sentry* have not heard much positive about the GLI for some time. Having too much of anything, even something good, can make it all unenjoyable and even burdensome. That is why we think that the GLI could improve its image at Prep by having fewer forums and a smaller presence.



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